Num. 1162 671

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Monday, September 25, 1727.

From the Craftſman, Sept. 16.

WE have been in continual Hopes, for ſeveral Weeks paſt, of congratulating the Publick on a better Situation of Affairs under this *Article of News*; the publick Intelligence from abroad, and the repeated Aſſurances, which have been given us at home, having united to raiſe in us ſuch an agreeable Expectation. But the *Veracity* which we are reſolved to maintain, to the utmoſt of our Power in theſe Papers, and the Abhorrence which we ſhall conſtantly have of amuſing our Readers with *vain* or *fallacious Hopes*, oblige us to confeſs that we don't yet ſee any ſubſtantial Grounds for that continued Vein of Exultation, which ſeems to run through moſt Papers, both *Foreign* and *Domeſtick*; nor can we conceive how this can ariſe from an impartial Examination of the State of our Affairs; for though we have flattered our ſelves with Proſpects of *Accommodation*, and have talk'd of nothing but *Peace* for almoſt a Year paſt, yet we have actually been under moſt of the Calamities of a *War*, not only with Regard to the *Expence*, but alſo by the Loſs of a Multitude of *Ships*, and the Interruption of our moſt *beneficial Trade*, which can only enable us, with any tolerable Eaſe, to bear the Burthen of a *War*. Whereas our Allies, the *French*, have all this Time been talking of nothing but *War*, and yet have continued in a State of almoſt *profound Peace*, and the *Dutch*, who have not ſeemed in their Speeches much leſs forward for *Hoſtilities*, have nevertheleſs remained in the ſame happy State of *Tranquillity* uninjured in their *Manufactures* at home, and unmoleſted in their *Commerce* abroad.

Notwithſtanding all our *pacifick Appearances*, it hath not been thought convenient with the publick Safety to reduce one Man of our numerous *Land Forces*: Nor do our *Maritime* Affairs ſeem to be in a much better Condition; for tho' the Accident of her *Chriſtian* Majeſty's Death, which put a Stop to the Deſigns of the *Ruſſian* Court, gave us a juſt Reaſon to recal the *Engliſh* Squadron from the *Baltick*, which we had Hopes would occaſion a great ving on the *Navy Account*, yet they were no ſoo returned, but great part of them were immedi ly hurried away into the *Mediterranean*, ſo that though the Parliament granted an extraordi Proviſion for *twenty thouſand Seamen* for the *whole* (which is computed to be a Proviſion for alt *double* that Number, according to the *uſual Me* of keeping our Squadrons) yet it is doubted w ther, by the Neceſſities of our Affairs, there not be even an *Exceeding*, inſtead of *Saving* on Account.

What is the Reaſon of this extraordinary E ment to the *Mediterranean*, remains as yet a ſe to the publick: but if the Conjectures of the W are true, with Regard to our *French Allies*, it to be wiſhed that this Matter might be brough a ſpeedy *Eclairciſſement*; for as the whole Tu theſe Affairs depends intirely on the *ſincerity* o *ſincerity* of *Thoſe* in whom we have ſo long conf it is certainly proper that a Matter of this In tance ſhould be brought to a Criſis; for as t *off the bad Day* is always a Dangerous Maxi it is more eſpecially hazardous and unadv in *political Affairs*. If therefore any of our ſhould think fit to deſert us (which we hop groundleſs Apprehenſion) the ſooner we kno Dependence, the better; as we ſhall be the l abe to ſhift for our ſelves.

Nor will the meer ſpecious Pretences (as we find by Experience) of *ſigning Preliminaries*, or even *formal Ratifications* (which may admit of *double Meanings*, *Reſerves* and *Diſputes*) be ſufficient for this End; but an *open undiſguiſed Co-operation* with us, in ſuch an *uniform Manner*, that we may be abſolutely aſſured of their *Friendſhip* and *Fidelity*.

And this, it is hoped, will appear before the opening of the *Parliament*; becauſe if we remain in the ſame *uncertain State* at that Time, we ſhall be obliged to keep up the ſame Forces by *Sea* and *Land*, for another Year, and conſequently the ſame heavy *Taxes* will be continued on us; which, however hard,

hard, must be submitted to, provided they are *expedient* and *necessary*.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, Sept. 23.

Madrid, Sept. 4. The Duke de Bournonville is appointed First Plenipotentiary of his Majesty to the Congress of Cambray, and is to make a Tour to Paris before he repair thither.

The Marquis d'Abrantes, Ambassador of Portugal, signed Yesterday the Contract of Marriage of the Prince of Brazil with our Infanta: And the Marquis des los Balbases, his Catholick Majesty's Ambassador at the Court of Portugal, was to sign that Day the Contract of Marriage of the Prince of Asturias with the Infanta of Portugal. An Express has been dispatched to Rome, to obtain the necessary Dispensations for this double Marriage.

Paris, Sept. 17. Mr. Walpole is frequently in Conference with Cardinal Fleury, to endeavour to concert proper Measures, in case Spain persist to refuse to deliver up the Prince Frederick. 'Twas given out, that the Congress was to be held at St. Germains en Laye, for the Conveniency of Cardinal de Fleury; but his Eminence has declared that he has no other Design than that Congress should be held at Cambray.

From the Weekly Journal, Sept. 16.

London, Sept. 16. In the late Fire at Bartholomew Fair, it was observed, That in the Shew of the *Creation of the World*, Punch was pleased to set up for a modern pretty Fellow, by jesting upon the holy Writ: He came upon the Stage, and in his hoarse Accents, pronounced these Words out of the Old Testament, *Let there be Light*; whereupon his Man Gudgeon brings in a Farthing Candle. I think it may not be an improper Query, how Punch and his Man Gudgeon came at this Time to be indulged this profane Liberty? And whether they have not promised their Vote and Interest for the *sober Party* at the ensuing Election.

The Loss that is yet discovered are these following, viz. Mr. Icen's Daughter, Mr. Chapman's 2 Sons, Daughter and Servant, Letes Stirling, Mr. Hayley's 2 Daughters, Mr. Kowds and his Wife, Mr. Culver's Son, Phil. Web's Daughter, Mris. Badcock's Daughter, Sam. Carlille's Wife, John Baud's 2 Daughters, T. How's Daughter, H. Palmer's Son, Daughter and Maid, Widow Clark's 3 Daughters, Widow Broun's Son, Daughter & Maid, Bisects Mayor's Son, Sam. Middlecutch's Son & Daugh-ter, Rob. Buy's Wife and Child, T. Chapman jun. his Daughter, J. Sidey's Daughter, Nic. Sparke's Wife & Daughter, J. Iverson's Son & 2 Daughters, W. Green's Daughters, Mr. Brig's Daughter, Sam. Darnel's 2 Children, Francis Scot, Mary Woodbridge, Rob. Gardner, Oliver Redy, Mr. Bradwel, H. Adams's Son, Mary Brook and her Sister, M. Esting's Maid, W. Ricard's Daughter, T. Marrick's Daughter, T. Web's Son, Widow Eman's Son, M. Killingback of Swafham's 2 Daughters; 6 Persons of the Town of Reach, the Master of the Shew, his Family, &c. The Friends and Relations of the Deceased, that can distinguish them by any Marks, take them out of the Ruins and bury them; the rest are thrown in to one common Grave.

On Saturday a Fire happned at Fulburn, 6 Miles from Cambridge, wherein one Man was burnt to Death.

From the Whitehall Evening-post, Sept. 16.

Cadix, Sept. 2. On the 26th ult. the Prince Frederick Man of War convoyed in here the Ship San. (tissimo Trinidad, which had been ransomed there.

London, Sept. 16. Thursday last the Duke of Hamilton and Brandon was married to Mris. Strangeways at Chiesden, near Hough, in Buckinghamshire, the Seat of the Earl of Orkney.

This Morning a Fire broke out at a Dye-house in Southwark, which burnt down that House, and damaged several others.

From the Evening Post, Sept. 16.

Cadix, Sept. 2. 'Tis said the French Squadron now in our Bay) will soon depart, the one Half for Brest, the other for Thoulon. The Prince Frederick sailed hence the 30th to join Sir Charles Wager's Squadron in Tangier Bay.

London, Sept. 16. Orders are sent to Ireland for issuing the Writs for a new Parliament, to bear Date the 18th Inst. and returnable 14th Novem.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, Sept. 19.

Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland, and one from France:

THE Letters by them from Madrid, make no Mention of the King of Spain having yet been prevail'd upon to ratify the Preliminary Articles for a general Pacification, nor that he has ordered the making to the Proprietors a Repartition of the Effects brought by the Flotilla from Vera Cruz to Cadix

Cadix: From whence there are Letters of the 26th past advising, That the Marquis d'O continued in that Bay with the 10 French Men of War; on the other hand, they were under the utmost Impatience to know what Course the 8 English Men of War had taken, which sailed under Admiral Wager the 8th of August last from Gibraltar.

The Close of last Week 4 Ships were taken up at the Victualling Office, to be freighted with Provisions, &c. for Gibraltar. It was the general Opinion, That the King of Spain would, upon the Solicitations of his Most Christian Majesty, have consented, without any Delay, to the ratifying the Preliminaries; in case these Solicitations had been *really* and *sincerely* made. Mean-time there are very odd Reports about the Town, and which we think not proper to mention.

We have yet nothing extraordinary from the Squadron under Admiral Hosier in the W. Indies; however, 'tis not doubted but they will answer the good Ends for which they were design'd; tho' the Inhabitants of Jamaica are said to be much reduc'd, by the Interruption of the Trade they formerly had with the Spaniards.

Letters from Edinburgh say, [Here comes in a Paragraph anent General Wade reviewing the Regiment here, and the Account of the Dumbarton Election, and the Conduct of Commissar Smollet, *as before in this Paper.*]

On the 14th Instant the Reverend Mr. Samuel Weller, Minister in Maidstone, and the Rev. Mr. Lun, Rector of Denton, were chosen Procurators for the Clergy of the Diocese of Canterbury to the ensuing Convocation.

The Earl of Scarborough is made Custos Rotulorum for the County of Rutland; the Duke of Devonshire, for that of Derby; and a Commission is passing the Seals, by Order of his Majesty, appointing George Berkley, Esq; Master Keeper and Governor of the St. Katharine's Hospital, near the Tower.

105 Tons of Naval Stores were shipp'd off last Saturday for the Use of Admiral Hosier's Squadron.

Our West-India Merchants are like to be great Sufferers by the Failure of a very eminent Grocer in Watling-street, who is gone off with 60,000 *l.* and 48,000 *l.* in Notes have been taken out at the Bank payable to himself, and 'tis believed they are all disposed of, and that the Bank can have little or no Satisfaction.

Spring-Tides happening the 4th of October, the Coronation, we hear, is deferred to the *Eleventh* of said Month.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, Sept. 19.

Ratisbon, Sept. 5. A Decree of the Imperial Commission concerning the Dignity of Arch-Treasurer of the Empire, will shortly be published, and 'tis assured the Emperor is of Opinion, That the King of Great Britain ought to desist from that Title in favour of the Elector Palatine, till some other can be given to his Britannick Majesty. The Emperor's chief Minister the Prince de Furstemburg, having been in Conference on that Subject with the Minister of the said King as Elector of Hanover, the Minister answered, That his Britannick Majesty was inclined to yield that Dignity to the Elector Palatine; but that he would not do it till some other Hereditary Office was given him.

London, Sept. 19. Mrs. Shrieder, chief Gentlewoman to the Dutchess of Kendal, arrived here from Hanover Yesterday: Her Grace will be here soon after the Cronation.

Baron Hilton has sent for his Effects to Hanover, designing not to return into this Kingdom.

Saturday Night last Mr. Bill one of his Majesty's Messengers in ordinary, arrived here from Holland; as did on Sunday last Mr. Molloy from Paris; and,

This Morning Mr. Wright one of Messengers in Ordinary arrived here from Holm.

3 *per Cent.* Stock 109, 3 4ths, &c.

From the Evening Post, Sept. 19.

Vienna, Sept. 13. Baron Bentenrider is preparing to set out for Brussels, from whence he is to proceed to Cambray as Plenipotentiary of the Emperor at the Congress; but we do not hear when it is to be opened.

Mentz, Sept. 21. Here are private Letters which affirm, That Orders have been issued for all the Imperial Regiments to be ready for marching against the first of April next.

From the Supplement to the Amsterd. Gazette, Sept. 29.

Rome, Sept. 6. Cardinal Gualtieri has received an Express dispatched by the Chevalier de St. [illegible]

from Avignon, who therein requests him to address the Pope, to the end the same Subsidies may be paid him as he enjoyed here. 'Tis not yet known when the Princess his Spouse is to go and join him at Avignon.

From the Whitehall Evening-Post, Sept. 19.

Hague, Sept. 24. The 6 ancient Companies of the Blue Guards encamped this Morning at the Entrance of the Wood, where the new-rais'd Companies will encamp on Saturday next.

Members chosen for the ensuing Parliament.

N. B. Those marked thus * were not in the last Parliament.

Bishops-castle, Robert Moor, John Plumptre, Esqs. *Brecon County*, William Gwyn Vaughan of Trebarried, Esq; *Hereford County*, Velters Cornwall, Edward * Harley of Eyewood, Esqs. *Salop County*, * John Walcot, * William Lagon Child, Esqs. *Stamford*, * William Noel, Robert Shirley, Esqs. *Northampton County*, Sir Justinian Isham, Thomas Cartwright, Esq; *County of Anglesea*, Hugh Williams, Esq; *County of Glocester*, * Sir John Dutton, * the Hon. Collonel Henry Berkeley. *County of Northumberland*, Sir William Middleton, Ralph Jenison, Esq; *County of Pembroke*, * John Campbell, Esq; *Lescard*, Thomas Clutterbuck, John Cope, Esqs. (who is also chosen for Shaftsbury) *Downton*, Giles Eyre, Hon. John Verney, Esqs. *Nottingham*, * the Hon. John Stanhope, * Borlace Warren, Esqs. *Shire of Inverness*, JAMES GRANT GRANT.

Tain, Sept. 9. This Day came on here the Election for a Member to serve in Parliament for the District of Tain, Dingwal, Dornock, Wick and Kirkwall; the whole Delegates being met, the Honourable General Ross preceeding, they unanimously elected the Honourable Collonel Monro.

Tain, Sept. 13. This Day came on here the Election for a Member to serve in Parliament for the Shire of Ross; the Freeholders being assembled, they unanimously made Choice of Sir James Mackenzie of Royston, one of the Senators of the College of Justice to be their Præses, and afterwards elected the Honourable General Ross.

Cromarty, Sept. 15. This Day came on here the Election for a Member to serve in Parliament for the Shire of Cromartie; the Freeholders being assembled, they unanimously made Choice of Hugh Ross of Kilravock to be their Præses, and afterwards elected Sir Keneth Mackenzie of Grendville.

Edinburgh, Sept. 25. Subscriptions are now carrying on in this City and Suburbs, towards setting on foot again the STAGE-COACH 'twixt Edinburgh and Leith: And 'tis not doubted but that this Undertaking, so convenient and frugal for the Leiges, will meet with a suitable Encouragement.

ADVERTISEMENTS

By Order of Alexander Brody of Brody, Esq; Lord Lyon King at Arms.

These are to advertise all Messengers at Arms within the Kingdom of Scotland, That they appear personally at Edinburgh on the Sixth Day of November next, at the Head Court to be held there by the Lyon or his Deputes; to renew their Bonds of Cautionry, to pay their Annuities, and answer to any Complaints that may be made against them, under Pain of Deprivation.

[¶] There is to be exposed to publick voluntar Roup, upon the Twenty-seventh Day of September Inst. at Cowpar of Angus, the GREAT LODGING, Brewhouse, Maltbarns, and haill Office-houses, Yards, Kilns and Cobles, with several other Houses and Yards, and some Crofts and Acres of Field-Land lying in and about the Town of Cowpar; in all, about 600 Merks of yearly Rent, which formerly belonged to the deceast Mr. John Ogilvie, late Bailie of Cowpar. The Rental, Progress and Conditions of Sale, to be seen in the Hands of Mr. Alexander Airth Schoolmaster of Cowpar of Angus. The Lodging and Office-houses are very fit for a Change-keeper, and ly on the Road frae Perth to the North.

†*† That the Honourable Society of GARDNERS are to conveen at Dumfermling (in one of their Ordinary Half-year Meetings) upon the Second Wednesday of October next; Where all the Members of said Society are desired to attend, at least to send their Half-year's Payment to the Box.

†‖† The Præses and Council of the HUNTERS have agreed, That their annual Hunting-Meeting shall be at Kelso the second Wednesday of October next; and it is expected that all the Companions of the Order should attend at the said Meeting.

EDINBURGH: Printed for Mr. *William Rolland*, by Mr. *Thomas Ruddiman*. Sold at the Printing-house; and at Mr. *Alex. Symmers*'s Shop in the Parliament-Close. At both which Places, *Advertisements* and *Subscriptions* are taken in.